



Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership
Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group
Meeting Minutes: October 10, 2007

Summary

Epidemiology Work Group Members Present

Jeanne Blackburn, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, Division for Substance Abuse Policy

Richard Porter, Chair, Arizona Department of Health Services

Wendy Wolfersteig, Arizona Prevention Resource Center, Arizona State University

Jeanne Brandner, Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts

Jody Sekerak, Indian Health Services

Michelle Anderson, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections

Meena Shahi, Arizona Department of Health Services, Department of Behavioral Health Statistics

Catherine Osborn, Arizona Department of Education

Guests

David Choate, Arizona State University, Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety

Michelle Neitch, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Jean Ajamie, Arizona Department of Education

Keri Raichert, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, Division for Substance Abuse Policy

Call to Order by Richard Porter at 1:38 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

- Richard Porter asked the attendees present to introduce themselves and their respective agency/group.

Announcements

- Michelle Anderson reminded the group of the upcoming AZENet conference, entitled "Data: Resources and Solutions," on October 12th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Chandler, AZ.
- Meena Shahi informed the group that the 2nd annual Suicide Prevention conference will be held October 25 – 26, 2007.



Discussion of Committee Chairmanship

- Richard Porter indicated to the group that he would like to pass along the duties for which he has been responsible for the past year so that other agencies have the chance to have a member act as chair.
 - He recommended that the person holding the chair position be changed on a yearly basis with Carisa Dwyer and Jeanne Blackburn asking a new potential chair in November or December to act in that capacity for the coming calendar year.
 - The group agreed to change the chair on a yearly basis.

Emerging Issues Subcommittee Update

- Jeanne Blackburn informed the group that the subcommittee has not yet met and thus, has not been formalized.

Methamphetamine Indicator Template & Data Submission Deadline

- Jeanne Blackburn alerted the group to the fact that she will send the pertinent group members the list of the data submission deadlines once she receives the methamphetamine data indicator template from the few remaining individuals who still need to submit it to her.

Treatment Mapping: Providers vs. Need

- The possibility of mapping substance abuse treatment providers was discussed.
- Meena Shahi agreed to pass along the data request to the appropriate contact person in the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS), Division for Behavioral Health Services (DBHS).
- Jeanne Blackburn will correspond with the contact from DBHS in order to determine which data are available.
- Wes Korteum of DHS will do the data mapping.

Agency Presentation: Arizona Department of Education (2007 *School Safety Study*)

- Catherine Osborn and Jean Ajamie from the Arizona Department of Education (DOE) provided a copy of the agency's 2007 *School Safety Study* to each group member in attendance.
- Jean Ajamie reported the findings from the study to the group, including future changes to the report and data monitoring practices.

Call to Public

- No one from the public was in attendance.

Adjournment of Meeting was made by Richard Porter at 2:34 p.m.